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Subject: Transmittal of Application for United States Letters Patent
Attorney Docket No. 31045-99

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventors: **ALBERT J. SILVERA, BORIS FINKELBERG AND ROYCE LEE**

Entitled: **THONG-TYPE SHOE HAVING A HEEL AND LAYERED SOLE**

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	No. Filed	No. Extra	Small Entity Fee	Large Entity Fee
Basic Fee	16 - 20		\$385.00	\$770.00
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Ind. Claims			x \$9=	x \$18
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Enclosed are the following:

1. 10 pages of specification, claims and abstract;
2. 1 page of informal drawings;
3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
4. Executed Assignment with Form PTO-1595;
5. Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i);
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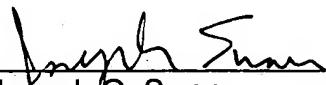
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Respectfully submitted,

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